GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
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Nuclear Power Projects at Mithi Virdi
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether Toshiba Corp"s Westinghouse Electric has decided to relocate its proposed nuclear power project at Mithi Virdi in Gujarat to a site in Andhra Pradesh;

(b)if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c)whether the said decision is due to the opposition from farmers in Gujarat and to save that State from a possible disaster and if so, the details thereof;

(d)whether similar requests/oppositions have also been received from the MPs, organisations, and people of Jaitapur in Maharashtra regarding setting up of nuclear power plant in Jaitapur, Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(e)whether the Government is also reconsidering shifting of the proposed power plant from Jaitapur; and

(f)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) The sites at Chhaya Mithi Virdi in Gujarat and Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh were accorded 'In Principle ' approval and designated for setting up nuclear power plants in technical cooperation with United States of America (USA). In this regard, discussions were in progress with two US companies, Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) and GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH). Based on the progress made in pre-project activities at the sites, progress of land acquisition and discussions with the two companies, it has now been decided to set up reactors in technical cooperation with WEC of USA at Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh. The site at Chhaya Mithi Virdi in Gujarat continues to be designated for setting up nuclear power reactors in technical cooperation with USA.

(c)No, Sir.

(d)There have been sporadic protests at Jaitapur by some sections of the society resulting out of apprehensions regarding loss of traditional means of livelihood, rehabilitation and safety of the plant.

(e)No, Sir.

(f)Does not arise in view of (e) above.

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